

## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

Norikazu MIZUNO et al.

Serial No: 09/670,917

Filed: September 29, 2000

For: SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICE MANUFACTURING METHOD  
AND APPARATUS FOR REMOVING SILICON NITRIDE  
FORMED IN A REACTION CONTAINER (As Amended)

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Dear Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.

- ☐ Small entity status has been claimed. See 37 CFR § 1.27.
- ☐ A Notice of Change Of Attorney's Address and Associate Power Of Attorney is enclosed.
- ☒ No additional fee is required.

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- ☒ Any filing fees under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 for the presentation of extra claims
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Respectfully submitted,  
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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated June 4, 2003, the time for response to which is extended by three months by the accompanying petition from September 4, 2003 to December 4, 2003, please amend the above-referenced application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of the claims, which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 7 of this paper.

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